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The Honorable John F. Kelly
Secretary
Department of Homeland Security
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This letter responds to the January 28, 2017, notification to transfer or reprogram \$20,000,000 to begin the planning and design of new physical barriers along the Southwest Border, submitted to the Committee by Ms. Stacy Marcott, Chief Financial Officer (Acting) of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

The notification proposes investments in the planning and design of physical barriers to be deployed along sections of the Southwest land border with Mexico, to include prototype design, construction, and testing; site analysis and standard designs for an initial section of a Border Wall System; and for real estate, environmental, and site planning activities required prior to future construction of physical barriers along additional sections of the Southwest border. Solutions to achieve operational control of the border shall utilize a multi-layered approach that includes attendant lighting, technology (including sensors), and patrol and access roads; prioritizes officer safety; addresses well defined operational requirements based on threat; and maximizes cost effectiveness. In justifying a final material solution, DHS is expected to follow the acquisition management processes required under all relevant management directives, including DHS Management Directive 102.

The Committee directs CBP to provide briefings as soon as possible on each of the following:

- 1) The results of the source selections for Border Wall System prototypes;
- 2) The evaluation results for the Border Wall System prototypes, including the criteria for selecting one or more prototypes for the proposed initial Border Wall System segment;
- 3) CBP's long-term goals and plan for border security between the ports of entry along the Southwest border and one or more long-term, multi-layered solutions for achieving those goals and plans, informed by alternatives analyses and including proposed laydowns of border infrastructure;

- 4) The current threat assessment along the Southwest Border and how it relates to CBP's long term border security goals and proposed solutions; and
- 5) An independent cost estimate for any proposed solutions.

The Committee approves the reprogramming of funding from the Mobile Video Surveillance System program due to contract delays and the transfer of excess funds from Naco Fence Replacement program to support DHS's border infrastructure planning and design efforts.

I have consulted with the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee, Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, and she concurs with these oversight directives.

Sincerely,



John Carter
Chairman
Subcommittee on Homeland Security

cc: Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard